

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 567 without my signature.

While I am generally supportive of school wellness policies, this bill, sponsored by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, makes no substantive contribution to the increased health of California's students. It is unnecessary since it simply duplicates current federal law, with which schools are already required to comply. Federal law already requires schools participating in federal meal programs to establish wellness policies, and California schools have the authority to implement more stringent policies if they so choose.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger